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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/372,219, filed on August 11, 1999, entitled, HIGH-SPEED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH A FEEDBACK SYNCHRONIZATION LOOP, by the below-named inventor(s):

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- 1. [X] Attached is a copy of the executed oath or declaration in pending prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/372,219, showing the original signature(s) or an indication that it was signed. The entire disclosure of pending prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/372,219, from which the copy of the executed oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the present patent application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. [X] 32 pages of specification; 2 pages of declaration; and 2 sheets of formal drawings are attached. No new matter has been added.

- 3. [] A signed statement is attached deleting inventor(s) named in the above-identified pending prior patent application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- 4. [X] Please cancel claims 2-20.
- 5. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- 6. [] The present patent application is entitled to small entity status.
- 7. [X] The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the present patent application, as amended at 4 and 5 above (if applicable):

| | # of Claims | | Extra Claims | Rate | Fee |
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| Total Claims | 9 | Minus 20 | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | Minus 3 | 0 | x \$86.00 | \$.00 |
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- 8. [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 in the amount of \$.00 for the above-indicated fees. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.
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- 11.[] Priority of foreign Application No. _______, filed on ______, in ______, is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in U.S. Patent Application No. ______, filed on
- 12.[X] The above-identified pending prior patent application is assigned of record to: RAMBUS INC.
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